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This reply is intended as a full and complete response to the Final Office Action dated August 26, 2005, and the Advisory Action dated November 23, 2005. Claims 1-20 are pending in the application. New claims 21-52 are submitted and are supported by the original claims 1-20. Claims 1, 2, and 6-20 stand rejected. Claims 3-5 are objected to but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Entry of the foregoing amendment and reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

Applicant has cancelled claim 3 without prejudice and amended base claim 1 to present the allowable subject matter of claim 3 in independent form pursuant to the Examiner's comments. As such, claim 1 and the claims that depend therefrom are now in condition for allowance. Applicant has also amended claim 18 to include the allowable subject matter of claim 3; therefore, claim 18 and those that depend therefrom are also in condition for allowance. Allowance of claims 1, 2, and 4-20 is respectfully requested.

The cancellation of claim 3 and the amendment to base claims 1 and 18 are not an admission of nonpatentability. Applicant has simply amended the base claims to include the allowable subject matter of claim 3, placing the application in condition for allowance and preserving the right to pursue the original subject matter of base claims 1 and 18 in a further continuation or divisional application. Further, Applicant has amended claim 19 to correct a matter of form. Entry of the foregoing amendments and allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

Applicant has also added new base claim 21 to present the subject matter of allowable claim 4 in independent form pursuant to the Examiner's comments. Applicant has also added new claims 22-36 which are similar to the original claims 1-3 and 5-17. As such, new claim 21 and those that depend therefrom are in condition for allowance. Allowance of new claims 21-36 is respectfully requested.

Further, Applicant has added new base claim 37 to present the subject matter of allowable claim 5 in independent form pursuant to the Examiner's comments. Applicant has also added new claims 38-52 which are similar to the original claims 1-4 and 6-17. As such, new claim 37

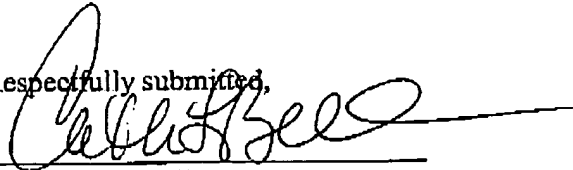
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and those that depend therefrom are in condition for allowance. Allowance of new claims 37-52 is respectfully requested.

Having addressed all issues set out in the office action, Applicant respectfully submits that the pending claims are now in condition for allowance. Applicant invites the Examiner to telephone the undersigned attorney if there are any issues outstanding which have not been addressed to the Examiner's satisfaction. A petition for extension of time for filing this response is attached; however, in the event that petition becomes separated from this Response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 05-1712, for any fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

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